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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ **8** including at least one pair of holders for holding a tool, **with the concave portion being defined between the at least one pair of holders.**

Claim 3 (original): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 2 including a plurality of holders.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ **8** wherein the root ~~extending vertically~~ **extends perpendicularly** from the board.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the holder includes a substantially horizontal section extending **perpendicularly** from the root **parallel to the board.**

Claim 6 (currently amended): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 5 wherein the ~~holder includes an~~ inclined section ~~extending~~ **extends obliquely** from the substantially horizontal section **toward the board.**

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~[[The]]~~ **A** tool-holding apparatus ~~according to claim 7~~ **wherein for holding at least one tool, the tool-holding apparatus comprising:**
a board;

at least one holder formed on the board, the at least one holder comprising a root extending from the board, an inclined section extending obliquely from the root, a tip extending from the inclined section for pressing the tool, and a restraint [[is]] formed on the inclined section and extending away from the tip for restraining the tool, with the root, tip and restraint being formed as a single, integral piece and shaped like a curve, with the restraint and the tip defining a planar abutment surface; and

a concave portion defined in the board near the root for receiving the tool, wherein the tip is separated from the concave portion by a gap for receiving the tool.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ **8** wherein the restraint includes an obtuse protrusion formed thereon **spaced from the tip.**

Claim 10 (currently amended): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ **9** wherein the concave area includes a first facet and a second facet extending from the first facet.

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Claim 11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 12 including an ear extending from the board for hanging the tool-holding apparatus on the wall.

Claim 13 (new): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the restraint includes an obtuse protrusion formed thereon spaced from the tip.

Claim 14 (new): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the restraint includes an obtuse protrusion formed thereon spaced from the tip.

Claim 15 (new): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the restraint includes an obtuse protrusion formed thereon spaced from the tip.

Claim 16 (new): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 5 wherein the restraint includes an obtuse protrusion formed thereon spaced from the tip.

Claim 17 (new): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the planar abutment surface is generally parallel to but spaced from the second facet, with the second facet extending perpendicularly from the first facet.

Claim 18 (new): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the concave area includes a first facet and a second facet extending from the first facet.

Claim 19 (new): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the planar abutment surface is generally parallel to but spaced from the second facet, with the second facet extending perpendicularly from the first facet.

Claim 20 (new): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 8 wherein the concave area includes a first facet and a second facet extending from the first facet.

Claim 21 (new): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 20 wherein the planar abutment surface is generally parallel to but spaced from the second facet, with the second facet extending perpendicularly from the first facet.

Claim 22 (new): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the concave area includes a first facet and a second facet extending from the first facet.

Claim 23 (new): The tool-holding apparatus according to claim 22 wherein the planar abutment surface is generally parallel to but spaced from the second facet, with the second facet extending perpendicularly from the first facet.